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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The answer is in the negative.

" (b) The answer is in the negative. (The Poor Homes Society has been authorized to run a Rescue Home only. There is no Vigilance Home under the Society.)

" (c) The answer is in the negative."

Hostels bearing caste names

* 1277 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have issued instructions to the effect, that the hostels, which are maintained or subsidized by Government should change their names, if they denote any caste; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) No Sir. The Director of Harijan Welfare has issued such instructions.

" (b) The Director apparently felt that a caste appellation would tend to perpetuate the caste system and keep those whom the subsidies are intended to benefit in a separate compartment instead of uplifting them and merging them with the general population as an integral part thereof."

Vikravandi Lower Anicut road

* 1278 Q.—SRI G. VAGHEESAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to transfer the portion of the Vikravandi Lower Anicut road from Panruti to Sethiathope (miles 110 to 135) to the Highways Department?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" A proposal to take over the Vikravandi Lower Anicut Road from mile 109–4–0 to 132–0–0 from the control of the South Arcot District Board, is under the consideration of the Government. The portion of the road beyond mile 132/0 up to mile 142/0 is already under the control of the Government."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR :—" What is the policy underlying this transfer? Will the Government consider the desirability of transferring all the major roads under the control of the district boards to the Highways Department? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The policy of the Government is to take over all the major roads under the control of the district boards. There are roughly 3,000 miles remaining to be taken over and it is proposed to take over only 300 miles this year."

SRI G. VAGHEESAM PILLAI :—" Will the Government be pleased to consider the proposal to construct a causeway on the abovementioned road over the river Panaiyar? "

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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" A separate representation may be made in regard to that and I shall have it looked into."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MOTION UNDER RULE 40 OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES *RE* TAMIL STUDENTS STUDYING IN THE ANANTAPUR ENGINEERING COLLEGE.

9 30 a.m. MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member, Sri Balakrishnan, has given notice of a motion under rule 40 of the Assembly Rules."

* SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, under rule 40 of the Assembly Rules, I invite the attention of the Hon. Minister for Education to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the plight and difficulties of the Tamil students studying in the Anantapur Engineering College consequent on the formation of the Andhra State and the lukewaram interest evinced in their behalf by the students' Mother State of Madras.

" The subject-matter of my motion briefly put is this. In the composite State of Madras 25 to 30 Tamil students from Madras were allowed to study in the Anantapur Engineering College. Shortly after the partition took place most of the students who went over to the Anantapur Engineering College as scholarship-holders and stipendiaries found themselves suddenly deprived of the educational concessions that they were enjoying in the composite State of Madras and those concessions were promised to them by the Government of Madras. On 2nd September 1954 in Proceedings R.C. No. 94-B/54, dated 2nd September 1954, the Director of Public Instruction terminated these concessions and the scholarships they were enjoying. They agitated and then appealed to the Government of Madras. Some time later in the month of February 1955, the cancelled stipends and scholarships were revived and they were allowed to continue to enjoy these concessions conditionally and only for a limited number of students. The proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction are as follows :—

'The fee concessions under rule 92, Madras Educational Rules, which were cancelled in this office R.C. No. 94-B/54, dated 2nd September 1954, in respect of the students of Madras State have been granted again in respect of the undermentioned students for the year 1954-55 only subject to the condition that the Madras Government should reimburse the Andhra Government the cost involved at the end of the year.'

Even this concession is not allowed to all students but only to particular students. It is favourable only to those students who were receiving scholarships and stipends under concessions given to Harijan and Backward communities. But this concession has been completely withheld in the case of students who were receiving scholarships and stipends under military and merit concessions. It is not known when those concessions would be revived for merit and military scholarship holders.

" Then, with regard to actual facilities for education, it has been brought home to the Government by a deputation that waited